THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The detailed Project Report for Delhi Metro Rail Phase-1 had envisaged an implementation period of 10 years for this project. However, three years delay had already occured by the time Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), the implementing agency for this project, started funtioning. The DMRC, therefore, compressed the implementation period to 7 years. Work on the project is lagging behind by about 6 months only with respect to this compressed time schedule.

(c) Nil, because the project will be completed well within the period of 10 years envisaged in the Detailed Project Report.

Potable Water in DDA Colonies

†613. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the authority accountable for providing potable water to the colonies constructed by the DDA and whether potable water is provided over there prior to allotments are made;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Mayur Vihar, Phase III is not provided with potable water although ten years have elapsed since it has been inhabited; and

(c) if so, by when, the authority proposes to provide potable water over there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Delhi Jal Board (DJB) have reported that in respect of colonies constructed by DDA, initially it is the responsibility of DDA to supply potable water till it is taken over by Delhi Jal Board. The DDA makes arrangement for supply of potable water in the initial stages through tubewells in case of non availability from DJB sources. The tubewell water is duly tested and chlorinated before supplying to the residents.

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(b) and (c) No Sir. The potable water supply in Mayur Vihar, Phase-III, is being made through local tubewell. Water from DJB sources shall be available after the completion of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant which is likely by December, 2003.

Withdrawal of work of constrcution of houses from DDA

614. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to withdraw the work relating to the construction of houses from Delhi Development Authority; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Disposal of Garbage

†615. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to prepare the manure by disposing the filthy water and garbage permanently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Since Solid Waste Management is a State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Governments and Urban Local Bodies to take measures for disposal of garbage through appropriate technologies, including composting of biodegradable waste. However, during 9th Plan, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation had given financial support under the scheme of 'Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilizers' for setting up of 9 compost plants by

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